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[Stalin Death - funeral -]

Mao Tse-tung, in a tribute to Stalin, referred to his speech at the 19th Congress as "his precious testament to the Communists of all the countries of the world."

NOTE: No Soviet leaders referred to this speech in their funeral addresses.

In Bucharest, reports were received of rejoicing and drinking throughout the city; these might be confirmed by a Rumanian government order of 6 March, prohibiting the sale of alcohol until further notice. Unusual security precautions were instituted in Prague and Bucharest according to US Missions there, none were noted in Budapest.

Malenkov's funeral speech listed China, and then the Satellites in this order:

Poland

Czechoslovakia

Bulgaria

Hungary

Rumania

Albania

German Democratic Republic

Mongolian Peoples' Republic

and then referred to the fighting parties of Korea and the Viet Minh.